

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2003 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: October 27, 3PM - There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 5% very short, 30% short, 62% adequate, and 3% surplus.

CROPS: Harvesting is drawing to an end for row crops across the state. Cotton boll opening is near completion and harvesting is progressing well despite some rain delay. Some counties reported not enough soil moisture, resulting in delayed planting of winter wheat. Rice harvest is drawing to a close and sorghum harvest has ended. Across the state fields are being prepared for and planted with winter wheat.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported to be in good condition. Producers are continuing to work, wean, and market spring born calves. Winter pastures have been slow to emerge due to dryness. Slow emergence of winter pastures. Final seeding for fall and winter grasses, brush hogging, and fertilizing winter pastures have been the major pasture activities. Producers are culling cattle and selling calves.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN									
SOYBEANS					1	6	22	44	29
Yellowing	96	92	95	94					
Shedding	89	78	90	92					
Matured*	78	63	83	n/a					
Harvested	63	43	49	62					
SORGHUM									
Harvested	100	99	99	99					
COTTON					1	5	22	47	25
Opening Bolls	96	92	100	100					
Harvested	63	46	54	77					
RICE									
Harvested	98	96	96	98					
WHEAT					0	2	21	63	14
Planted	54	33	31	42					
Emerged	30	16	18	20					
PASTURE & RANGE .					1	10	30	51	8

*Soybeans matured data begins with 2002.

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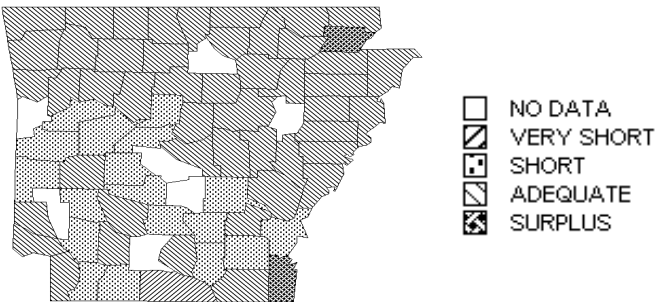
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 26, 2003. Temperatures were above normal. Rainfall in most areas. North Little Rock and Texarkana recorded the high temperature of 92^o and Fayetteville recorded the low temperature of 37^o. Precipitation ranged from a high of 1.62 inches at Hope to 0.00 inches at several reporting stations.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 26, 2003

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING OCT 26	CURR OCT ACCUM.	OCT NORMAL	JAN-SEP	
							2003	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	84	37	7	0.00	3.29	3.74	28.19	34.34
Harrison	86	39	9	0.04	3.38	3.50	26.90	33.11
2 Calico Rock	90	42	5	0.35	3.48	3.61	32.28	33.45
Gilbert	89	40	5	0.39	3.56	3.39	28.72	32.33
Greers Ferry	89	46	9	0.41	2.16	4.21	41.73	36.25
Mountain Home	87	42	9	0.33	4.73	3.14	30.19	32.84
3 Batesville	85	48	8	0.47	2.47	4.00	50.90	34.03
Jonesboro	84	48	7	0.22	3.61	3.89	40.02	33.02
Keiser	85	49	7	1.55	5.05	3.38	36.84	36.75
Newport	88	48	6	0.30	1.50	3.67	45.11	34.86
4 Booneville	90	49	7	0.00	1.20	3.90	23.85	34.54
Clarksville	87	46	10	0.23	2.18	4.13	26.95	33.41
Dardanelle	89	50	8	0.25	2.60	4.19	25.43	34.74
Ft. Smith	91	50	9	0.00	1.45	3.94	22.39	31.74
Mena	87	46	8	0.85	3.11	5.68	31.04	41.81
Ozark	86	47	8	0.00	2.02	3.91	30.64	32.33
5 Conway	90	48	9	0.47	2.27	4.03	44.97	34.61
Hot Springs	91	44	8	1.25	3.07	5.21	38.44	40.99
Little Rock	91	49	10	0.75	2.16	4.25	30.89	36.24
N Little Rock	92	49	11	0.57	1.56	3.81	30.65	35.11
6 Brinkley	88	48	8	0.04	1.22	3.58	28.60	36.10
Marianna	86	48	6	0.31	1.18	3.79	29.71	38.37
Stuttgart	91	47	8	0.25	0.97	3.83	33.36	33.36
7 Hope	91	47	7	1.62	2.52	4.54	33.59	39.00
Texarkana	92	52	8	0.02	1.04	3.87	27.85	33.34
8 Camden	90	51	9	0.88	1.62	4.42	35.34	38.32
El Dorado	91	49	7	0.77	1.61	4.33	31.86	40.18
Warren	89	50	7	0.22	0.87	4.53	35.70	40.39
9 Eudora	90	47	7	1.60	2.08	3.93	36.94	41.56
Pine Bluff	89	50	8	0.00	1.39	4.49	34.14	37.71
Rohwer	89	49	6	0.81	2.30	3.38	35.82	37.61